

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Huey Speights,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner
of Social Security,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 2:16-3014-RMG


ORDER

This matter comes before the Court for judicial review of the final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying Plaintiff's application for Supplemental Security Income ("SSI"). In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Rule 73.02, D.S.C., this matter was referred to the United States Magistrate Judge for pretrial handling. The Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation (R & R) on October 25, 2017, recommending that the decision of the Commissioner be reversed and remanded to the agency because of the failure to consider and weigh new and material evidence offered for the first time to the Appeals Council and to evaluate the medical opinions of Plaintiff's treating physician, Dr. Steichen, in accord with the provisions of the Treating Physician Rule, 20 C.F.R. § 404.1527(c). (Dkt. No. 16). The Commissioner has advised the Court that she does not intend to file objections to the R & R. (Dkt. No. 17).

The Court has reviewed the R & R and the record evidence and finds that the Magistrate Judge has ably addressed the factual and legal issues in this matter. Therefore, the Court

ADOPTS the Report and Recommendation as the order of this Court, **REVERSES** the decision of the Commissioner pursuant to Sentence Four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), and **REMANDS** the matter to the Commissioner for further proceedings consistent with this order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Gergel', is written over a horizontal line.

Richard Mark Gergel
United States District Judge

Charleston, South Carolina
November 1, 2017